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In addition to this the Humanis embassy stated that the war will happen with the allowance of the Regency or without it. Rufus, the eight Regent put the matter to a vote. Four voting members present at the table agreed to allow Humanis to act in Minoc, the subject of Human slavery under the Drow having swayed many to agree with Humanis that action must be taken. However the Regent abstained from adding his forces to the liberation movement. Thus it was that the Humanis Embassy left Serpent's Hold and the meeting behind and began to make plans for war.

Meanwhile the Drow remained oblivious as to the happenings within Magincia and the Regency and were unaware that a war was being planned against them.

Four days later on the 15th of February the elf Isilmea wandered into Magincia and came across Drake who summoned to him Artius. In the

Magincia Magicka the three spoke and it became apparent that ELF was willing to ally with Humanis and call upon Sanctus for aide in the liberation of Minoc, the whole ordeal being spied upon by a ghost not loyal to either side. The meeting was interrupted by Son Gohan of Humanis who wondered aloud why the elf was not killed. Being dismissed by Artius the three agreed to formulate a partnership with the liberation of Minoc as the ultimate goal.

Word soon spread on the wind to Mark Randerstill and Isk who both despised Isilmea and the elves openly. Not even minutes after the fact there was a great division as the minority thought using the elves and Sanctus would be to the advantage of Minoc and the majority felt that a shared victory on the side of the elves would eventually discredit the Humanis belief. With the argument becoming heated the now fractured Humanis party decided to take a break from each other. Hours later word rang out that the battle to liberate Minoc would not come to past as quickly as expected.

A day passed and it was agreed that Sanctus should not be called upon for aide even though intelligence suggested that the Drow could possibly have the Dark Order as an ally which was lead by Tarothin Armun. So it was that the Humanis were in deep

contemplation as to who would make a possible ally for them in the war. It was at this time that an alliance was reached between Humanis and House Telve though it was not desirable to have the recently established Sanguine Oligarchy of Trammel Cove come to aid Humanis in an aggressive war because it was thought that their forces were necessary in Cove so that it would remain secure.

Having thought hard on a way to nullify any possible form of opposition the Humanis on the 24th of February sent an embassy to the Dark Adder in Felucca Cove. Within the stronghold of the Dark Order Mark Randerstill, Drake, Cecil and Isk sat down with Tarothin who was marked by the gods as a murderer at the time and began to discuss a possible noninterference agreement. It was then that Isk said the following speech to Tarothin Armun:

“It is well known that Humanis desires to cleanse Minoc of the Drow and liberate the city from their clutches. In this respect we are careful not to agitate the great Tarothin who has among his men some of the greatest and most numerous legions. We would never wish to enter war with you or cause you to hate us for what ever reason. Because of this we would ask that you break any alliance you may have with the drow and refrain from

participating in the  
battles that are to come  
within Minoc.”

Having added forty  
Magincian diamonds to the  
proposition the Humanis  
delegation convinced the  
Dark Order to remain out  
of Minoc as long as the  
campaign to liberate  
Minoc was in effect.

And so it was that the  
forces of Humanis  
gathered together five  
battle ships known as  
triremes for the three  
sets of rowers which  
propelled the vessels over  
water and landed upon  
the beach of Vesper on  
the day of March 10th  
which was a Wednesday.  
From there the army  
rode on horseback into  
the territory of the  
Drow coming upon the  
great statues in the  
town center of Minoc.

The drow who recognized  
the attack was coming  
though advanced scouts  
entrenched themselves in  
a strategic position at  
the foot of the statues  
shouting to the Humanis  
army that Minoc was  
their land.

It was then that Drake  
Wyntermore shook his  
hands most angrily and  
exclaimed to the drow:

“You who hide in  
trenches and caves have  
no foothold on the  
surface world of men.  
Because you live in the  
ground you will be made  
to eat dirt”

With those words having  
been said the forces of  
Humanis charged against  
the drow with axes  
spinning and swords  
upraised until all of the

enemy was vanquished.  
Stepping upon the skull  
of the drow general  
victory was proclaimed by  
Son Gohan.

As the taste of battle  
was still fresh on the  
lips of the Humanis the  
soldiers gathered around  
forming a circle no  
smaller than the one  
made before the ships  
sailed out as none of  
them had died during the  
battle and gave thanks to  
the Mother goddess for  
such a glorious victory.  
Victory having been  
attained a trophy was  
erected in Minoc using  
the bodies of the enemies  
and once the surviving  
drow returned to the  
site of the battle not  
showing aggression the  
Humanis were eager to  
talk terms of the drow  
surrender. Thinking that  
the drow would be  
interested in surrender as  
they had been flawlessly  
defeated the Magincians  
were surprised when the  
drow lashed out stating  
that they would never  
surrender or give up  
Minoc. Then one of the  
injured drow having fallen  
her death shroud issued a  
threat towards Isk which  
at the time had his wife  
Angelique beside him  
claiming that the drow  
would harm their family  
and children. Having lifted  
his axe to smite them  
the drow scattered into  
the shadows and were  
unseen for the remainder  
of the night. Thus ended  
the first battle against  
the drow in Minoc.

Meanwhile in distant  
places the Dark Awakening  
which had emerged the  
month previous

consolidated its hold on Yew though the placement of agents throughout its senate. Thinking that Yew should be the haven for darkness the members of the DA! Began to enter alliances with the Dark Order under Tarothin as well as the orcs and drow unknown to the Humanis which remained unaware of the Dark Awakening's dealings.

Having entered war with the Elves the Dark Awakening soon sent an envoy to Magincia where Mark Randerstill issued a pact to aid the Dark Awakening in fighting the elves should there be a war against them stating that because the guild of ELF was a hated group the Hand of Humanis would be more than willing to aide in their destruction.

\*continued in Minoc Wars  
Book III\*